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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)
PURIFYING EXHAUST GASES)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend
the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A system for purifying exhaust gases of diesel or gasoline
multicylinder engines containing, on average, an excess of oxygen, the system comprising
operational units including:
an oxidation catalyst, a particle separator; and an NO_x adsorption catalyst ,
whereby the system reduces the amounts of hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, nitrogen
oxides and particles present in the exhaust gas.

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